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Honorable Roger Hillman  
Director of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Roger:

Thank you very much for your letter of  
29 January which I found on my desk upon re-  
turning from my recent trip south.

I greatly appreciate having your comments  
and want to assure you I hadn't considered it  
at all likely that you had ever made any  
such statement as that attributed to you.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

John A. McCone  
Director

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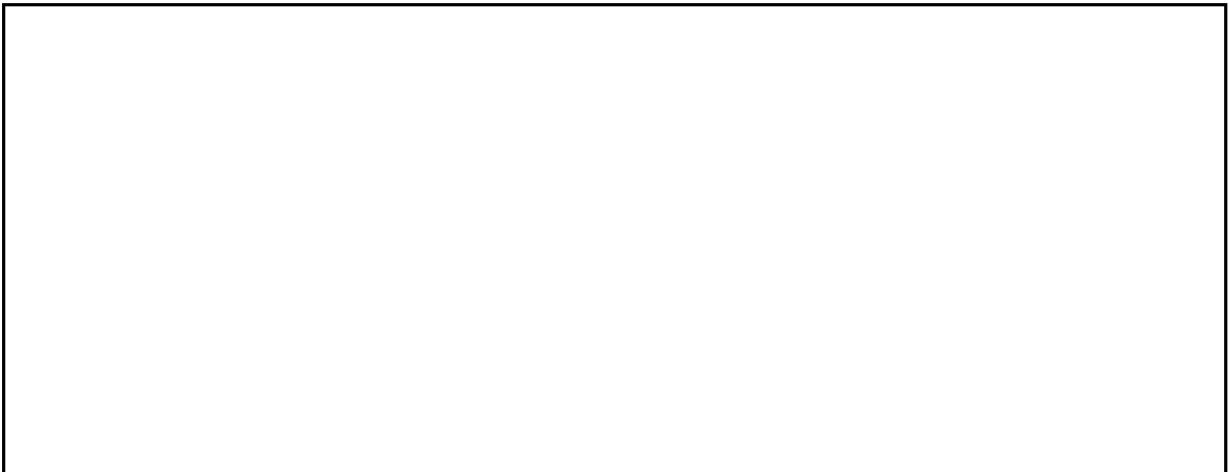
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John A. McCone  
Chairman, United States Intelligence  
Board

SUBJECT : Release of NIE Material to NATO

Recently the Italian delegation to the North Atlantic Council asked for an exchange of information in the Political Advisor's Committee regarding Communist China's progress toward an independent nuclear capability.

The Department of State would like to find a way to satisfy the Italian request. Italy's participation in the 18 Nation Disarmament Group has apparently spurred that country's interest in Bloc nuclear and advanced weapons development. United States action in furnishing the Italians and other NATO members with an assessment of Bloc progress in these critical areas would be a clearcut implementation of Secretary Rusk's pledge at Oslo of increased political consultation with our NATO allies.



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Could we discuss this matter at an early USIB meeting?

*Roger Hilsman*  
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